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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT PROGRAM

1. I HOPE YOUR VISIT HERE NEXT MONTH IS STILL ON.
IF SO, HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS WITHIN GENERAL TIME
FRAME WE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON.

2. MONDAY, APRIL 5. ARRIVE COLOMBO. ATTEND RECEPTION IN EVENING FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE. ON ASSUMPTION YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE APRIL 6 AND THROUGH NOON APRIL 7, SUGGEST YOU DEPART AFTER LUNCH APRIL 7 FOR KANDY, ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER ANDREW KAY. VISIT POINTS OF INTEREST IN KANDY AREA, INCLUDING POLGOLLA DIVERSION POINT FOR MAHAVELI PROJECT WITH BRIEFING ON ENTIRE PLAN. OVERNIGHT AT PRIVATE GUEST HOUSE IN KANDY AREA.

3. DEPARTURE MORNING OF APRIL 8 FROM KANDY, VISITING TEA ESTATE EN ROUTE TO NUWARA ELIYA. GOLF COURSE AT NUWARA ELIYA IS BEST ON ISLAND. OVERNIGHT AT HILL CLUB IF ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE (THIS IS HEIGHT OF SEASON AT NUWARA ELIYA), IN NEARBY BUNGALOW IF NOT.

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4. DEPART MORNING OF APRIL 9 FOR COLOMBO VIA HAPUTALE,

LUNCH AT BELIHUL OYA REST HOUSE; VISIT TO GEM PIT AND
RUBBER PLANTATION NEAR RATNAPURA, IF TIME PERMITS, AND
ARRIVE COLOMBO LATE AFTERNOON.

5. SATURDAY, APRIL 10, DEPART SRI LANKA.

6. IS IT POSSIBLE EITHER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BILLER OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY COMMERCE HOSTLER
MIGHT WISH ACCOMPANY YOU ON THIS ITINERARY? ADVISE.
VAN HOLLEN

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